

SUMMARY

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Matthews-Hall House
3145 East Nobles Mill Rd.
Darlington, Md. 21034

By virtue of its gable roof with varying pitches and overhanging gables, its variety of sheathing (i.e. German siding and scalloped shingles), the central brick chimney, and decorative windows with colored glass borders, the Matthews-Hall House can be identified as a proponent of the picturesquely eclectic styles for small houses or "cottages" of the late Victorian era.

It was probably built in the late 19th century by Samuel and Ruth Matthews or by Joshua Matthews on the 123-acre farm comprising part of the tract, "Bachelors Good Luck". The Matthews-Hall House has few stylistic peers in the area around Deer Creek and is more sympatico with its contemporaries in and around Aberdeen.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAMEHISTORIC
Matthews-Hall HouseAND/OR COMMON
Hall-Duncan Farmhouse**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER (east side of East Nobles Mill Rd., between
3145 East Nobles Mill Rd., nr. Darlington Nobles Mill & Trappe Church Roads)CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Darlington — VICINITY OFSTATE COUNTY
Maryland 21034 Harford**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME
Marchant Hall

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 146CITY, TOWN STATE zip code
Darlington, Md. 21034 — VICINITY OF**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Court HouseLiber #:
Folio #:STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main StreetCITY, TOWN STATE
Bel Air Maryland 21014**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

10-11-52

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2-story el-shaped frame cottage of what can only be called eclectic picturesque style, is located on the east side of East Nobles Mill Road, between Nobles Mill Road and Trappe Church Road.

By virtue of its gable roof with varying pitches and shapes and series of overhanging gables, its variety of sheathing materials, i. e. German siding in the first story and scalloped shingles in the gables, the central brick chimney with a corbelled cap, and the decorative 1/1 sash windows with borders of small panes of colored glass around the upper sashes, this house can be identified as a proponent of the picturesquely eclectic styles for small houses or "cottages" of the late Victorian age.

The house seems to have been practically square originally, and the porch spanning the north and west sides was probably added and the south end filled in later to make the house el-shaped. An exterior brick chimney was also added at the juncture of the 1-room addition and the south facade of the original house.

A side-by-side description of the house is in order since each side is different:

The north facade has an entrance in the center bay, flanked by a window on each side. The east side has a door in the center bay with a window in the south bay, where there is a bulkhead entrance to the basement. The south side has 2 full-sized windows and the upper sash of a 3rd window in the 1st story. The overhanging gable has a second overhang in the gable peak and a pair of windows in the second story. The west side, partially covered by the one-room addition, has an entrance in the first story, a window in the 2nd story, and, above that, the gable again has a double overhang with a small single light replaced window in the lower gable.

The 1-story porch has posts with rock-faced concrete block bases and tapered, panelled shafts.

North of the house is a one-story shed with exposed eaves and machine sawn rafters. East of that is a gambrel-roofed barn and silo, also apparently early-to-mid 20th century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

11-10-83

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

With its large expanse of intersecting roofs, series of overhanging gables, variety of exterior sheathing, ornamental windows, and central brick chimney, the Matthews-Hall House is a marvelous picturesque cottage with few peers in this part (i.e. the Deer Creek Valley) of Harford County. It was probably built in the late 19th centry by Samuel and Ruth Matthews or by Joshua Matthews.

The 1878 Martenet's Map shows no structure in this location but there is one belonging to S.H. Matthews east of this location. In an equity case involving a mortgage default of S.H. Matthews in 1891, the 123 acre farm, part of the tract "Bachelors Good Luck", was sold to Tacy B. Matthews and Joshua Matthews.¹ In 1897, Ruth Matthews purchased the farm back² and in 1912, as a widow, sold it to Tacy B. Matthews.³ The farm stayed in the Matthews family until 1957, when it was sold to Marchant Hall. Prior to the ownership of Samuel H. Matthews, this had been the home farm of his uncle, Joshua Hopkins, who willed it to him in 1862 at the cost of \$65/acre.

1. WSF Liber 73, Folio 373
2. WSF Liber 92, Folio 115
3. JAR Liber 137, folio 77

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will and equity records of Harford County
1858 Jennings & Herrick Map
1878 Martenet's Map

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

8/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MATTHEWS-HALL HOUSE

Title Search HA-333

1. 477/444 March 9, 1957 Grantor: T. Oliver and Mary Alice Matthews
Grantee: Marchant H. and Ruth P. Hall
Acreage: 70 A.
2. GRG 306/279 May 31, 1947 Grantor: Virginia R. Savin
Grantee: T. Oliver and Mary Alice Matthews
Acreage: 85A
3. GRG 306/278 May 31, 1947 Grantor: T. Oliver and Mary Alice Matthews
Grantee: Virginia R. Savin
Acreage: 85 A.
4. D&W 216/25B June 28, 1930 Grantor: Tacy B. Matthews Swift of Philadelphia
Grantee: T. Oliver Matthews, nephew
Acreage: 85 A of Bachelors Good Luck
5. JAR 137/77 March 20, 1912 Grantor: Ruth H. Matthews, widow
Grantee: Tacy B. Matthews
Acreage: 123 A. "Bachelor's Good Luck"
6. WSF 92/155 Jan. 27, 1897 Grantor: Joshua H. and Mary E. Matthews
Grantee: Ruth H. Matthews
Acreage: "Bachelors Good Luck"
7. WSF 73/373 June 7, 1892 Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams, trustee
(Thomas Hollingsworth et al admrs. vs.
Samuel H. Matthews & wf.)

2nd Part: Charles A. Andrews
Sum: \$4325
3rd Part: Tacy B. Matthews, Joshua Matthews
Acreage: Bachelors Good Luck = 123 A.
8. ER WSF 41/305 Sept. 7, 1891 Thos. Hollingsworth et al, administrators of
Philip & Wm. Warner, dec. vs. Samuel H. & Ruth
Matthews
Mortgage default: Samuel H. & Ruth H. Matthews
took out mortgage with Philip and William H.
Warner for \$4000, 8/25/1879
9. ALJ 29/282 Sept. 15, 1873 Grantor: Henry W. Archer, trustee
Samuel H. Matthews vs. Joshua H.
Shaw et al
Grantee: Samuel H. Matthews
Acreage: "Home Farm" upon which Joshua Hopkins
resided at time of death = 123 A
& 2 other tracts = 10 A
+ 10 A 27 p

(See continuation sheet #1)

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MATTHEWS-HALL HOUSE
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10. ER ALJ 24/141 May 10, 1973

Samuel H. Matthews vs. Joshua H. Shaw et al
Settlement of Joshua Hopkins estate

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: <i>Hall - Duncan farmhouse</i>	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>East side of East Noble Hill Road about 0.3 mi</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Darlington</i> <i>South of Trope Church Road</i>			
STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	CODE:	COUNTY: <i>Harford</i>	CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Building</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Occupied</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <u>Restricted</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Private</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Private Residence</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rental - Tenant farmer -</i>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: <i>Marclant Hall</i>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Darlington RFD</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Harford</i>	STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	CODE:	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. <i>CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</i>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE</i> <i>40 S. MAIN ST.</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>BEL AIR</i>	STATE: <i>MARYLAND</i>	CODE:	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:

COUNTY:

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small frame farm house
 2 bays x 1, faces north. A wide
 wing, 1 story, runs across the
 south side of the house, so
 that the foot plan is almost square.
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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐

16th Century ☐

18th Century ☐

20th Century ☐

15th Century ☐

17th Century ☐

19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

lasaphy ☐

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☐

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Sociol/Humon-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarian ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

~~This small farm house 2 bays x 1
2 stories, frame, faces north. A
wide wing runs south across the
whole house 1 story - and mo~~

This house may be built over
an earlier small cabin. Its
individuality, and the beautiful
site in rolling rich farmland
~~that~~ give it a unique appeal.

Presently abandoned, it has been absorbed
in a larger adjacent farm. (This tract once
contained a very large old stone house on the
hill southeast of this house. Burned about 1895)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE		
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	STATE MARYLAND	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

5763 LINE
(DELTA)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Aberdeen Quadrangle

76°15'
39°37'30"

394,000m E

395

396 12'30"

5763
(CONOWING)

438500 N

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4383





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Matthews-Hall House
Darlington, Md. 21034
Natalie Shivers
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Southwest